

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image-forming-job managing apparatus for managing an image forming job between a terminal and an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a communication section configured to execute communication between the terminal and another image-forming-job managing apparatus via a communication line;

a job storage section configured to store the image forming job issued from the terminal; and

a job transfer section configured to transfer the image forming job stored in the job storage section to said another image-forming-job managing apparatus via the communication section based on an output destination change command, which requests a change of an output destination of the image forming job and stored in the job storage section when the output destination change command is issued by the terminal.

2. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a server search section configured to obtain machine information of another image forming apparatus managed by said another image-forming-job managing apparatus based on a server search command, which requests machine information of the image forming apparatus and is issued by the terminal, and

a machine information output section configured to transmit the machine information, obtained by the server search section, to the terminal via the communication section.

3. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a job change section configured to change information of the image forming job stored in the job storage section based on a job information change command, which requests a change of information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

4. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a job change section configured to change information of the image forming job stored in the job storage section based on a job information change command, which requests a change of information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

5. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a job management section configured to transmit a print control information of the image forming job stored in the job storage section to the terminal via the communication section based on a job display command, which requests the print control information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

6. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a job management section configured to transmit a print control information of the image forming job stored in the job storage section to the terminal via the communication section based on a job display command, which requests the print control information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

7. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

a job change section configured to change information of the image forming job stored in the job storage section based on a job information change command, which requests a change of information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) An image-forming-job managing apparatus for managing an image-forming job between a terminal and an image forming apparatus, comprising:

communication means for executing communication between the terminal and another image-forming job managing apparatus via a communication line;

storage means for storing the image forming job issued from the terminal; and

transferring means for transferring the image forming job stored in the storage means to said another image-forming job managing apparatus via the communication means based on a job output destination change command, which requests a change of the output destination of the image forming job and stored in the storage means when the output destination change command is issued by the terminal.

9. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining machine information of another image forming apparatus managed by said another image-forming-job managing apparatus based on a server search command, which requests machine information of the image forming apparatus and is issued by the terminal; and

transmitting means for transmitting the machine information, obtained by the obtaining means, to the terminal via the communication means.

10. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

changing means for changing information of the image forming job stored in the storage means based on a job information change command, which requests a change of information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

11. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

changing means for changing information of the image forming job stored in the storage means based on a job information change command, which requests a change of information of the image forming job and is issued by the terminal.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of managing an image forming job performed in an image-forming-job managing apparatus, for managing an information forming job between a terminal and an image forming apparatus, comprising:

executing communication between the terminal and another image forming-job managing apparatus via a communication line;

storing the image forming job issued from the terminal in a storage section; and

transferring the image forming job to said another image-forming-job managing apparatus via the communication line based on a job output destination change command, which requests a change of an output destination of the image forming job and stored in the storage section when the output destination change command is issued by the terminal.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of managing an image forming job according to claim 12, further comprising:

obtaining machine information of another image forming apparatus based on a server search command, which requests machine information of the image forming apparatus and is issued by the terminal; and
transmitting the machine information to the terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a machine information storage section configured to store machine information of said another image forming apparatus, as well as corresponding machine information of other image forming apparatuses also communicatively connected to the communication line.

15. (Currently Amended) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the machine information includes:

location information of corresponding printers managed by the image forming apparatuses; and

number of jobs waiting for printing for the corresponding printers managed by the image forming apparatuses,

wherein the machine information of any all of said image forming apparatuses can be sent to the terminal upon a request made to the image forming apparatus by the terminal.

16. (New) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image-forming-job managing apparatus only manages image forming jobs for the image forming apparatus, and

wherein the another image-forming-job managing apparatus only manages image forming jobs for another image forming apparatus for which the output destination change command requests that the image forming job be performed by.

17. (New) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a control section for determining whether or not the image forming job has been correctly transferred to and received by the another image-forming-job managing apparatus,

wherein the image forming job stored in the job storing section of the image-forming-job managing apparatus is only deleted from the job storing section after the control section determines that the image forming job has been correctly transferred to and received by the another image-forming-job managing apparatus.

18. (New) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a machine information output section configured to obtain machine information stored at all other image-forming job managing apparatuses, based on a machine information command output from the terminal and received by the image-forming-job managing apparatus,

wherein the machine information output section outputs the obtained machine information of the other image-forming job managing apparatuses, along with machine information of the image-forming-job managing apparatus, to the terminal.

19. (New) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the machine information comprises:

name designation of the corresponding image forming apparatus managed by each of the image-forming-job-managing apparatuses;

current operating status of the corresponding image forming apparatus managed by each of the image-forming-job-managing apparatuses;

number of jobs waiting for printing of the corresponding image forming apparatus managed by each of the image-forming-job-managing apparatuses; and

location of the corresponding image forming apparatus managed by each of the image-forming-job-managing apparatuses.

20. (New) The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein all of the image-forming-job managing apparatuses are communicatively connected to each other via a local area network.